

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claims 11-14 were allowed and that subject matter of Claims 4-10 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 21 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 4. Claim 22 corresponds with the allowed subject matter of Claim 5. Claim 24 corresponds with the allowed subject matter of Claim 7. Claim 26 corresponds with the allowed subject matter of Claim 9.

In addition, Claim 1 has been amended to further include the allowable subject matter of Claim 9, and accordingly it is believed that Claims 1-3 are also allowable.

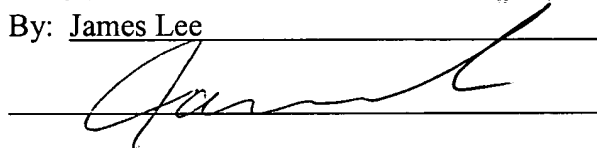
The *Inoguchi et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,262,531, was cited against Claims 1-3. This reference taught a thin-film EL display panel with the first and second electrodes provided in parallel so that connected terminal portions were positioned to overlap one another on the same edge portion. The elements were connected from the same direction so that each electrode is fed mutually from the same direction. By selecting this particular arrangement, the differences in electrical resistance of the electrodes can be minimized so that any non-uniformity of brightness caused by any such differences can be eliminated.

This reference does not suggest the features of the light-emitting member be made up of a plurality of light-emitting diodes that are set at frequent intervals on the main surface of the polygonal member, nor does it suggest a wiring pattern provided to the polygonal member to connect the set of terminals with the light-emitting member and also to connect terminals of equal pluralities with each other in the least three sets of terminals. These features are now presented respectively in Claim 1 (amended) and the newly independent Claim 28. Accordingly, it is believed that these claims are also allowed.

It is believed that this case is now in condition for an allowance and an early notification of the same is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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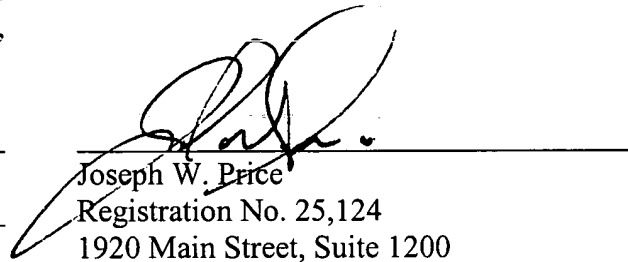


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